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Re: MUR 5573
In the Matter of Westar Energy, Inc.

Dear Messrs. Jenkins and Knight:

This is in response to your letter dated November 9, 2004, requesting an extension of 18 days until December 3, 2004, to respond to our notification letter that the Commission found reason to believe Westar Energy, Inc., violated the Federal Election Campaign Act. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on December 3, 2004.

This extension is being granted with the understanding that your client will, in the meantime, continue conciliation discussions and work toward a mutually satisfactory agreement to present to the Commission.

I am enclosing an agreement to toll the statute of limitations for 18 days. Please execute the agreement and fax it to me at 202-219-3923.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1548.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elena Paoli".

Elena Paoli
Attorney

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